

REMARKS

Prior to a first examination, please enter the foregoing amendments.

The application papers filed herewith are a true copy of the prior complete application filed on December 30, 1999 having Application No. 09/475,105.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a), this continuation application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) claims the benefit of and is a continuation of Application No. 09/475,105, filed December 30, 1999, now allowed.

Claims 1-36 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 37-42 have been added. Thus, Claims 37-42 remain at issue in the application. Of those at issue, Claim 37 is an independent claim.

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by this preliminary amendment.

CONCLUSION

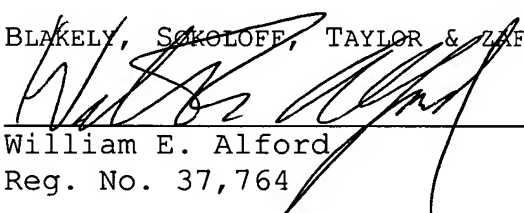
Examination is respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is hereby respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by telephone at (714) 557-3800 to expedite the prosecution of this case should there be any unresolved matters remaining. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 02-2666 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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